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Minutes 10/21/2010

V2020 FISCAL RESOURCES TASK GROUP
Meeting Minutes 10/21/10

ATTENDEES: Heather Remoff, Charley Hayes, Pete Howard (Acting Chair)

WELCOME: Welcome and introductions were exchanged. We need to try harder to get interested residents to come to mtgs & work on projects.

REVIEW OF PROJECT IDEAS: The group went through 16 possible projects that were developed last April. We discussed most of them with the following results:

Will do:

1. My Tax Dollars Analysis: Believe Peter Lloyd Evans has agreed to update FY 10 to FY11. Gordon is trying to get FY10 posted.
2. Assessor's Website: Heather to discuss a tax shift w/ Director Of Assessments. She will inquire about proper land valuation & related. Is a local option assessment policy possible? Pete & Charlie to read material Heather provided.

Initiated - Should FRTG continue forward?

3. Town owned Building (use/dispose) Richard has made a good start. Hope to get his input at next mtg.
4. W/S Quarterly billing and grace period options (incl. option to pay for new meters vs. bond) Gordon has made a good start. The Treasurer left this up to us to pursue w/ BoS.
5. Property tax and new growth estimates Gordon has done this.
6. Update CPA for Arlington

Promising

7. Sped Cost per pupil in Arlington vs. surrounding towns/cities. As far as we know this would be worthwhile. No such study is known to us.
8. Regionalization options/study: An "outside" effort by FRTG might be valuable
9. IT Efficiencies (postage, E-Alerts, payments): This might be useful but is no a big ticket item.

Topic being addressed ok by others

10. Capital Plan (esp. Photocopiers): Probably handled well by Capital Planning Committee.
11. GIC - Employee H/C Insurance Manager & Unions are negotiating. Good chance of agreement.
12. APS School Budget/Fees: Topic of Special Town Mtg next month. Too soon for FRTG to contribute.
13. Minuteman High Vocational (incl. SpEd costs/Increased utilization): Current/new Minuteman superintendent is gradually bringing this under control.

Not discussed

14. Enterprise funds
15. Revolving Funds
16. ARRA/Bonding
17. Quinn bill

FUTURE MEETINGS: Will be monthly on 3d Thursday unless otherwise scheduled. Members should set aside 11/18, 12/16, 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19

NEXT MEETING - Thu Nov 18 at 7.30pm - Location Town Hall Annex-3d Floor